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1. SUMMARY: TWO ZIONIST YOUTHS, ONE AMERICAN AND ONE A BRITISH CITIZEN

OR RESIDENT, WENT TO MINISTRY OF INTERIOR IN MOSCOW JAN 17 TO OFFER TO SERVE DR. SHTERN'S SENTENCE IN HIS PLACE. END SUMMARY

2. AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS INFORMED EMBASSY JAN 17 THAT GILARD FREUND,

AMCIT AGE 20 FROM BROOKLYN, AND ELIE YOSEF, EGYPTIAN-BORN JEW NOW RESIDING LONDON, SOUGHT PRESS COVERAGE FOR PLANNED VISIT TO MVD TO OFFER THEMSELVES AS HOSTAGES FOR RELEASE OF DR. SHTERN. ACCORDING TO CORRESPONDENTS FREUND AND YOSEF IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS MEMBERS OF A ZIONIST JEWISH SOLIDARITY MOVEMENT BETAR.

- 3. FREUND AND YOSEF PROCEEDED TO MVD BUILDING WITH JOURNALIST ABOUT 1515 HOURS JAN 17, AND WERE RECEIVED CORDIALLY BY UNIFORMED COLONEL FOR TWO-HOUR CONVERSTATION. JOURNALIST THEN LEFT, AND FREUND AND YOSEF WERE SEEN LEAVING BUILDING ABOUT 1800 HOURS ACCOMPANIED BY MVD PERSONNEL. PRESS AND EMBASSY ARE ENDEAVORING TO DETERMINE INFORMALLY PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF FREUND AND YOSEF.
- 4. ACCORDING TO CORRESPONDENTS, FREUD AND YOSEF ARE MEMBERS OF INTOURIST TOUR GROUP SCHEDULED DEPART FROM USSR JAN 20. NEITHER FREUD NOR TOUR GROUP CONTACTED EMBASSY EITHER FEFORE OR AFTER HIS VISIT TO MVD.

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